

**2009-2010 Mayor's Youth Committee  
Mayor's Assignment**

**Each student will be assigned one of the following five topics:**

1. Immigration
2. Mesa Gateway
3. Light Rail Extension
4. Economic Development
5. Alternative Energy

**Steps each group must take:**

1. Choose a subcommittee chair. (This person will arrange all subcommittee meetings and turn in all subcommittee attendance points to the MYC Points Commissioner)
2. Split your group of students into half "in favor" and half "against."
3. Meet at a school or meet at the library and research, research, research!

**The presentation:**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 26

**Time:** 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Points per participant:** 30

**Format:** Each topic subcommittee will be given 3-5 minutes to present the "pro" side and 3-5 minutes to present the "con" side. After your 10 minutes is up, the Mayor will have 3-5 minutes to ask the entire team questions. The Mayor will decide the winner. Prizes to be announced later.

Feel free to use visual aids -- signs, charts, photos, etc. Any group using a Powerpoint presentation must have the presentation to (kathy.macdonald@mesaaz.gov) via e-mail by Monday, Jan. 25 at noon. No exceptions. Please don't forget, Powerpoint presentations with many graphics or photos are too large to e-mail. If graphics and photos are a big part of your presentation, burn it to a disk and deliver it to Kathy's office (20 E. Main St., Suite 700) by noon on Jan 25. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call. Kathy's number is (480) 644-3002. Good luck!

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**Presentation Date: January 26, 2009**

As an important member of the community and future Mesa leader, Mayor Smith would like your opinion on a number of issues. Over the next four months, MYC students will break into five smaller groups to discuss the following issues and report back to the Mayor at the January 26 meeting.

Issue to consider are:

**Immigration:**

Should enforcing federal immigration laws be the responsibility of the City?

**Mesa Gateway:**

Will the Mesa Gateway area surrounding the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport become a true aerotropolis?

**Light Rail Extension:**

Will the implementation of light rail on Main Street have a positive impact on Downtown Mesa?

**Economic Development:**

Will projects like Waveyard and the Gaylord Hotel put Mesa on the map?

**Alternative Energy:**

Should the City permit home alternative energy projects or allow residents to use alternative energy without regulation?